

**Weekly Status & Information Report:
Week of December 13, 2004**

1. **Cross-Jurisdictional Crime Issues:** The City's efforts to address cross-jurisdictional crime continue. During the week, Chief Cindy Creamer met with Chief Ramsey and other members of the DC Police Department to discuss the implementation of a CSAFE-like initiative along the Takoma-DC border. Additionally, City Manager Barb Matthews and Chief Creamer met with Sharon Anderson from Mayor Williams' Office to discuss the deputization process. Staff has been provided a copy of the recently executed deputization agreement between DC and Prince George's County; this agreement will be forwarded to both City Attorney Sue Silber and the City's insurance carrier for their review relative to the indemnification provisions. Ms. Anderson, in conjunction with the DC Police Department, agreed to coordinate the involvement of the U.S. Marshal's Service. (*City Manager*)
2. **Metropolitan Branch Trail (Ward 1):** The City was recently notified that it has received a grant of \$29,747 from the National Recreational Trails Program via the State Highway Administration for the purpose of completing the Metropolitan Branch Trail. The grant agreement was received last week. During its review of the agreement, HCD staff identified some conflicting requirements between the SHA agreement and those established by the County for the \$80,000 it has earmarked for the project. We are working to address these concerns and are confident that we will be able to access both funding sources. Staff is also investigating what it will cost to complete the boardwalk and are waiting on an estimate from a contractor. The proposed work group meeting has been delayed as a result pending receipt of the information we have requested on the cost to construct the planned boardwalk. (*Housing and Community Development*)
3. **Takoma Academy:** The Recreation Director and Assistant Director met with Ken Knudsen, the principal of Takoma Academy on December 14 to discuss potential partnerships. Mr. Knudsen is interested in exploring a mutually agreeable situation where the athletic fields can be used by groups and leagues in exchange for some maintenance or upkeep. The next meeting will take place after the first of the year. (*Recreation*)
4. **Library Blues:** The Takoma Park Library will open for business as usual Saturday morning. The library has been closed since Tuesday afternoon due to a power outage. Power was restored today at 1:45 pm. Construction workers had cut the main power line to the library on Tuesday. Unfortunately Miss Utility, the service that marks utility lines before digging begins, did not mark this line. (*Community & Government Liaison*)
5. **City Code Online:** The Takoma Park City Code is now available on the City's web page, www.cityoftakomapark.org. The online version of the Code is easy to use. If you have any questions about the online version, please contact Jessie Carpenter in the City Clerk's Office at JessieC@takomagov.org. (*Community & Government Liaison*)
6. **TASDI Committee:** Subgroups of the Residents' Committee on Tax and Service Duplication Issues (TASDI) are meeting with City department heads over the next three

weeks to learn more about City services and finances. The next meeting of the full Committee is Wednesday, January 12 at Columbia Union College. Please see the Committee's section of the City web page for more information. (*Community & Government Liaison*)